

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: US Forces Invitational Maneuvers in Germany and New NATO States

1. Purpose. Provide a brief overview of the essential elements of off-installation maneuver training in the US Army Europe Area of Responsibility, and the process for inviting German Army participation.

2. Discussion.

a. Maneuver Generally. V (US-GE) Corps Maneuver and Consequence Management, also known as the US Forces Executive Agency for Maneuver (USFEAM), is responsible for the coordination and the conduct of all off-installation land, airborne, and waterborne training operations, for all service components in Germany and throughout the US Army Europe Area of Responsibility. These off-installation maneuvers are an essential tool for commanders to hone war-fighting and peace support skills, training in live environments, under realistic field conditions, in doctrinal formations and depths, in unfamiliar manmade and natural terrain. Given on-installation, Major and Local Training Area limitations (proximity, size and characteristics, scheduling constraints) and the unique qualities of off-installation live environments, commanders must rely on off-installation maneuver to meet their training needs. The means for obtaining maneuver areas vary widely throughout the theater with unique, country-by-country legal considerations, including, property rights, public safety, environment, claims responsibilities, etc. The highly refined and well-settled international and domestic laws which underpin maneuver operations in Germany are a useful model and benchmark for future stationing efforts.

b. Maneuver in Germany. The main expressions of maneuver rights, privileges, immunities and obligations are the German Federal Requisitioning Law-Third Part- Maneuver (Bundesleistungsgesetz Dritter Teil – Manöver) § 66 – 70, 73 – 83; Supplementary Agreement to NATO SOFA with Germany, Articles 45 and 46; and the separate Agreement to Implement Paragraph 1 of Article 45 (Abkommen zur Durchführung des Artikels 45 Absatz 1) also known as “IA 45.1”, which details “procedures for notification, coordination and authorization of maneuvers”. Essential elements of Article 45 (and 46) and IA 45.1:

(1) German Federal Ministry of Defense reserves maneuver approval authority for larger than brigade-size units, for non-stationed battalion-size units and above and, pursuant to the Treaty on the Final Settlement in Respect to Germany (“Two Plus Four Treaty”), all maneuver in the new Federal (former East) German States.

(2) Sending States (US Forces Executive Agent for Maneuver and Sending States counterparts) are extended maneuver approval authority for brigade-size and below, with a duty to notify specified regional federal military and State civil authorities with a lead time based on maneuvering unit sizes: Company - 4 weeks; battalion - 6 weeks; brigade - 8 weeks. There is no limit on the number of separate maneuvers that may be conducted simultaneously.

(3) No compensation-for-use is required (or given) for maneuvers on public or private property in Germany. Maneuver damage claims are processed, settled, shared (75%-25%) and paid pursuant to NATO SOFA Article VIII and host nation law.

c. Invitational Maneuver Activity. In recent years, V (US-GE) Corps, and the US Army at large has come to depend on Combined, Coalition, and Joint Operations as the norm. It is, therefore, imperative that we train for Combined, Coalition Operations at all levels of command. German, and British Forces possess critical skill sets, that can help to train our forces in the Combined, and Coalition setting. Combined, and Coalition off-installation training must be based on valid need, and the invited force participation must make operational sense. Simply stated it is imperative that US Forces review current off-installation training plans with the goal of conducting Combined, or Coalition training. Moreover, all future planning must include German forces whenever possible, and whenever it makes operations sense. A recent example was the inclusion of German Feldjäger during the Feb 05 1st BDE, 1AD Exercise Ready Crucible. Planners identified a valid need for host Feldjäger to supplement US Forces road movements due to a lack of organic Military Police. Feldjäger **SUBJECT: US Forces Invitational Maneuvers in Germany and New NATO States** provided critical support, and greatly assisted 1BDE BDE soldiers by teaching them how to include foreign Armed Forces personnel into the US planning and operational cycles. Ready Crucible was a brilliant example of interoperability training.

d. Way Ahead.

- (1) Units immediate review of all planned off-installation maneuvers and identify valid needs for host nation military participation. Transmit the need to USFEAF so that a letter of invitation may be produced.
- (2) V (US-GE) Corps Maneuver and Consequence Management (USFEAM), will conducts similar review prior to exercise, and recommend Host Nation Participation to the US Maneuver Unit.
- (3) USFEAM submits letter of invitation to German units for exercise participation, and monitors responses, and assists with coordination of German participation.
- (4) USFEAM will routinely conduct operational review with interoperability training in mind.

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